



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 415

Chairperson: Deb Fischer
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications
Date of Hearing: March 5, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 415 would update Nebraska's Graduated Drivers' License law in the following ways:

- Extend the nighttime driving restriction to 10 pm to 5 am, still allowing exemptions for work and school, or if accompanied by an adult.
- For the first six months of holding the provisional permit, the driver may only have one passenger who is under 21 and who is not a family member.
- The driver may not obtain a provisional permit unless he or she has successfully held (no convictions for traffic offenses) a learners permit for at least six months.
- To obtain an unrestricted license before the age of 18, the driver must have successfully held the provisional permit for one year.
- Adds 10 hours of nighttime driving to fifty hour rule. Currently the teen must either complete a driver safety course which includes driving experience, or complete at least fifty hours of driving with an adult.
- Make it illegal for a teen to use a wireless electronic communication device (cell phone, PDA, laptop, etc.) while driving during any stage before the unrestricted license stage. This change would include school permits as well.

These changes would bring Nebraska in line with what national agencies such as The National Transportation Safety Board, The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, and AAA recommend.

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